

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Patterson to keynote Veterans Day events**

Texas Land Commissioner part of five-generation military tradition

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AUSTIN, Texas — The Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office will pay homage to all veterans — including five generations of his family — at three upcoming Veterans Day events across Texas.

“Veterans Day is important for *all* Americans to take part in, not only veterans and their loved ones,” Commissioner Jerry Patterson said. “I encourage my fellow Texans to attend a nearby Veterans Day event or to spend a small portion of the day in solemn, prayerful reflection. It’s the least we can do for those who served.”

Patterson volunteered for duty during the Vietnam War, later serving as a Marine jet fighter pilot.

The Commissioner’s father, Jerry Dan Patterson, flew in the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II and during the Korean War. Patterson’s grandfather, Emmett Patterson, served in the U.S. Navy in World War I and the U.S. Army in World War II.

His great-grandfather, James Monroe Cole, served in the 12th Louisiana Infantry in the Civil War. Travis Patterson, the Commissioner’s son and the latest to answer the call of duty, served two tours in Iraq as a Marine attack helicopter pilot.

“Whether they fought abroad or served here at home, we pause to remember all men and women in uniform – and especially those who died for the freedoms we enjoy,” Patterson said.

**MAGNOLIA – Opening Ceremony for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall**  
6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, Magnolia Apostolic Church/First Baptist Church Grounds, 18525 FM 1488, Magnolia

**SAN ANTONIO – Fort Sam Houston Veterans Day Program**  
9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), Ft. Sam Houston VA Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Pkwy., San Antonio

**DALLAS – Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery Veterans Day Event**  
3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), Dallas-Fort Worth VA Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy., Dallas

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